

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in light of the amendments and the remarks below.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 14, 25-28, 30, 32, 35, 50, 51, 53-55, 62, and 63 are pending in this application. Claims 3-6, 8-12, 15-24, 29, 31, 33-34, 36-49, 52, 56-61, and 64-66 have been cancelled and claims 51, 53-54, and 62-63 have been withdrawn.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 14, 25-28, 30, 32, 35, 50, and 55 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-20, 25, 31-43, 45-48 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/021,239; claims 1-5, 16-19, 26, 29-33, and 41-48 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/381,713; claims 1-5, 16-19, 26, 29-33, and 41-43, and 48 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/381,717; claims 1-5, 16-19, 26, 29-33, and 41-43, and 48 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/381,718; claims 1-5, 16-19, 26, 29-33, and 41-43, and 48 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/381,705; claims 1, 20, 25, 31-41, and 57-64 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/379,664; claims 1, 41, 48, 64-67, 82, 83, 91, 95, and 96 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/512,754; and claims 1, 3-17, 54, and 59 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/549,506.

Applicants would like to note that the '239, '713, '717, '718, '705 and '664 applications are no longer being pursued and have since lapsed.

To further prosecution, Applicant submits herewith Terminal Disclaimers for the '754 application and '506 application. In light of these documents, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the provisional rejection of the present claims for obviousness-type double patenting.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the present application, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejections and objections. Should there be any further matter requiring consideration, Examiner Robinson is invited to contact the undersigned counsel.

If there are any further fees due in connection with the filing of the present reply, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 03-4000. If a fee is required for an extension of time not accounted for, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to undersigned's deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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